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The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"As the answer says, opening of new shops is left to the Excise advisory committees and the Collector."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know whether illicit distillation may not be due to the costliness of Government liquor?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"If it is the hon. Member's idea that liquor should be made cheap and consumption increased, I must take exception to that policy."

Medical Administration

Special qualifications of the incumbents filling the chair of Bacteriology in the Medical Colleges.

* 668 *Q.*—Mr. P. Ratnavelu Thevar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a special cadre in the Medical Colleges to teach Bacteriology;

(*b*) if so, when it was created, and for what reasons;

(*c*) whether any qualifications are prescribed for that post; if so, what the qualifications are;

(*d*) who the present members in that cadre are and what their ranks are; and

(*e*) what their qualifications were at the time of their appointment and whether they have acquired any additional qualifications since then?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There is no special cadre for the teaching of Bacteriology in the Medical Colleges, Madras and Vizagapatam. The posts of professors and assistant to the professors employed in the teaching of Bacteriology at the Colleges are included in the cadre of the Madras Medical Service (General Branch)—Men's section. A whole-time post of professorship in Bacteriology in the Medical College, Madras, was created in 1928 as it was considered that the arrangement under which one of the Assistant Directors in the King Institute, Guindy, was entrusted with the teaching of Bacteriology was unsatisfactory. The post of Professorship in Bacteriology and Hygiene in the Vizagapatam Medical College was created in 1925 on the opening of the third-year class in that college. In 1931, the professor was relieved of his work as lecturer in Hygiene.

(*c*) No special qualifications have been prescribed, but appointments to the posts are restricted to persons who possess special qualification or who have been specially trained for Bacteriological work.

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(*d*) The officers at present employed in teaching Bacteriology at the Medical Colleges, Madras and Vizagapatam, are—

(1) M.R.Ry. S. Ramakrishnan Avargal, Professor, Medical College, Madras.

(2) ,, C. Ramamurthi Avargal, Professor, Medical College, Vizagapatam.

(3) ,, P. S. Natesan Avargal, Assistant to the Professor, Medical College, Madras.

(4) ,, N. Govindan Pandalai Avargal, Assistant to the Professor, Medical College, Vizagapatam.

(*e*) The qualifications possessed by the officers mentioned in the answer to clause (*d*) at the time of their appointment were as follows:—

(1) L.M.S. (Mad.), L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.), D.T.M. & H. (Lond.)

(2) B.A., M.B.B.S., B.S.Sc. (Mad.)

(3) M.B.B.S. (Mad.)

(4) M.B.B.S. (Mad.)

The first two have not acquired any additional qualification after their appointment to the post.

No. (3) was appointed to the post in August 1933 and has not acquired any additional qualification since then.

No. (4) while holding the appointment was deputed to the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta, and he passed the D.T.M. (Cal.). In 1934, he took the M.D. degree (Tropical Medicine) of the Madras University.

Construction of a suitable building for the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Women at Salem.

* 669 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether provision is being made in the Civil Budget Estimates for the year 1936–37 for providing new and suitable buildings to the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Women at Salem;

(*b*) whether any reference has been received from the District Medical Officer by the Surgeon-General, or from the Surgeon-General by the Government pressing the necessity for early construction of the said buildings;

(*c*) if so, whether a copy of each will be placed on the table; and

(*d*) what the number is of maternity cases in the said hospital in each month since June 1935, and what the number is of beds provided there?